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Sir:

I, Mark S. Graham, declare that:


1. My name is Mark S. Graham. I am over 18 years of age and am I make this declaration based upon personal knowledge.
2. I am a patent attorney and am registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. I have Power of Attorney and am attorney of record for the above-referenced patent application.
3. On September 26, 2003, I received, on behalf of the Applicant, a Office Action in the above-identified patent application dated September 24, 2003 in which the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement. A shortened statutory period for reply was set to expire one (1) month from the date of mailing, i.e., by October 24, 2003.
4. On October 23, 2003, I filed a Response to the Restriction Requirement in the above-identified patent application, responsive to the Office Action of September 24, 2003.

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The Response was accompanied by a Certificate of Mailing, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.8, attesting that the Response was mailed on October 23, 2003. I personally signed the Certificate of Mailing and herein attest that the Response was mailed on October 23, 2003. A copy of the Response as filed and the accompanying Certificate of Mailing is attached hereto.

5. Also submitted with the Response was a return receipt post card identifying the Response to the Restriction Requirement as an enclosure in the filing. On November 4, 2003, I received the return receipt post card stamped by the Patent and Trademark Office, indicating that the Response to Restriction Requirement had been received by the Patent Office. A copy of the stamped return receipt post card is also enclosed herein.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: 6/21/04
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